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CONTEST FOR GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

It is still a long time before nominations for party candidates for Governor of Virginia will be made, and the general election is nearly a full year away. Yet, interest is steadily mounting in men available for this important position. The deadlines are far enough away for many citizens to withhold commitments to individual candidates, but even at this stage, it is not amiss to observe that the Old Dominion is indeed fortunate to have so many outstanding leaders in the list of those being mentioned. The field is open and it is wholesome to see an interesting contest shaping up.

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DECEMBER

"Shout now! The Months With Loud Acclaim..
May breathing sweet her Spring perfumes,
November Thundering From the North...
They Join Their Notes In Grand Accord,
Hail To December! say they all.
It Gave To Earth Our Christ, the Lord!"

—J. K. Hoyt.

December, the last month of 1956, rolls around. With it come happy anticipations of Christmas homecomings, holidays, which include New Year's Eve, and the wonders and tingle of winter and celebration, the children's wondrous world of Santa Claus, and—more important than anything else—observance of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus.

Who can forget his December, his Christmas memories? Who does not feel just a little nostalgia at the end of the year? December was, for all of us, for a while, a fantasy month.

Other months are more historic for the United States than December, even though the Japanese attacked us on December 7th, 1941. And the Boston Tea Party took place on December 16th, 1773—when sixty men disguised as Indians threw a shipload of tea overboard in protest against taxes on the tea.

On December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers first flew successfully a heavier than air machine. Woodrow Wilson was born at Staunton, Virginia, on December 28th, 1856. And Martin Van Buren was born at Kinderhook, N. Y., on December 5th, 1782.

George Washington died in December, on the 14th, in 1799. His doctors bled him several times, according to the custom of the day, and probably killed him thereby. He had become ill with laryngitis only on the 12th. The British fleet flew all flags at half mast to observe the great American's death and the French were ordered by Napoleon Bonepart to fly black crêpe from all French Army flags for thirty days!

The big meaning of December is Christmas-time, however, and the ushering in of winter. This year winter arrives on December 21st, at 4 P. M. The moon will be full December 17th, and the last quarter will come on Christmas Eve.

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HELP THE SMALL COLLEGE

Today we are hearing much about the financial difficulties of the small, liberal arts college. Sometimes we are inclined to scan over this subject lightly, failing to realize the role played by the small colleges of this country.

A research project conducted by two professors at Wesleyan University recently shows that the small, liberal arts colleges are the most productive source of U. S. scientists. The first fifty institutions in America, determined by the scientific eminence of their graduates, include thirty-nine small, privately-supported colleges.

There are many other amazing discoveries about small colleges, if one will only take the time to study the facts. The Readers Digest, in an article by D. E. Trueblood, recently presented the case for the small college in excellent style.

Among the surprising revelations in Mr. Trueblood's article is the report that a recent study of over 30,000 business executives showed that 88 per cent are college graduates and that of the 88 per cent, 71 per cent come from small, liberal arts colleges.

And, of the more than sixty billion-dollar corporations in the United States, figures show that more than sixty per cent of the board chairmen and presidents of these giant businesses are graduates of these small, liberal arts colleges.

In the small college, the individual is a name and not a number, or a unit, and it is very often true that the personal attention, personal friendships and friendly atmosphere of the small college contributes greatly to the educational product being sought.

Knowing all these things, wise Americans will contribute financially to the support of these schools. Small college alumni are usually loyal. Contributions from alumni and business form a major support for these vacable institutions.

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PROGRESS WITH HEART DISEASE

An interesting new form of surgery, announied by two surgeons recently, constitutes a major advance in the effort to check deaths from heart disease. The two surgeons have succeeded in boring clean arteries which are stopped-up and which have caused heart attacks.

Dr. Charles P. Bailey, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Angelo May, of San Francisco, reported recently to the American Society for Study of Arteriosclerosis, that the new method of cleaning out arteries may be a beginning toward a new era of surgical prevention of heart attacks.

Other specialists in various parts of the country are experimenting with various methods of cleaning out, or replacing, clogged arteries. Although most of the work now is concentrated on seeking ways to prevent new attacks, or to alleviate the danger from an attack which has already occurred, hope is held that a successful way may be found to celan out the arteries in a preventative way.

The latest announcement is encouraging and is highly important because of the great number of deaths annually caused by heart attacks. As with cancer, no simple or easy way has yet been found to prevent heart attacks, and if this development leads to a successful preventative treatment of heart attacks, this recent announcement may be one of the most significant medical reports in recent times.

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People who really want work are rare. What they want is the pay they can't get without working.

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The more money the average family spends in Appomattox, the more prosperous this community will become.

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People are dying every day on the highway, trying to find out how fast they can make the trip.

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We know people who never forget the compliments paid to them.

Garden Talk

By
Appomattox Garden Club

Let's talk about Garden chores for December. There are many things we can do to make this busy month profitable.

1. Tie evergreens, and evergreen hedges with jute so heavy snow and ice will not split them.

2. After the ground is frozen, place a protective mulch on perennial beds to prevent alternate thawing and freezing from heaving plants out of the ground.

3. Roses need a good freeze to make them dormant, so transplant them the last of November or the first of December. Mix plenty of peatmoss and bonemeal into the soil before planting, and dig holes deep enough to spread out long roots..

4. Plant apple, crabapple and pear trees now. Apples will do double duty as both fruit trees and ornamentals on small lots. The Yellow Transparent is an upright grower which fruits young. The Dolgo crab is excellent for its white flowers and red fruit.

5. Trim evergreens to shape and use the cut branches for Christmas greens. If possible, do the trimming when the trees are not frozen.

6. Pot up paper-white narcissi in gravel and water now for bloom in February.

Check stored tubers and corms. Clean the bulbs, treat with naphthalene or DDT if you haven't already done so.

8. Check mulches ever so often to replace any that may have blown off.

9. Repair garden equipment and oil garden tools.

10. Remove drifts of leaves that might smother perennials and grass. Put leaves not needed for mulch on the compost pile.

11. Save wood ashes for use in garden soil.

12. Make cuttings of indoor plants like begonia and African violets.

13. Prune dead limbs from trees and shrubs.

14. Cut tall rose bushes back to several feet, so the winds won't loosen them in the ground.

There are many other chores that only you will need to remember. And by the way, only four weeks until the shortest day of the year. Then watch the buds swell!

Watch the Christmas ads in this paper for outstanding values.

Washington Notes

FACTORY WAGES

Earnings of factory production workers reached a record level in October to an average of $82.01—61 cents over the September record, according to the Labor Department. Hourly pay, which averaged $2 in September, rose to $2.02 in October.

POPULATION

Total population of the United States last July 1 was 168,091,000—made up of 149,823,000 whites and 18,268,000 non-whites. The median age of the population has declined slightly from 30.2 years to 29.9 years in mid-1956, due to the recent high birth rate level. This is the first decline in the median age since 1800, the Census Bureau reported.

OPIUM

Eighteen powers have agreed to the United Nations protocol limiting the production and trade of opium. To come into force the protocol must be ratified by 25 countries.

C. A. P. FLIGHT TRAINING

The Civil Air Patrol has announced plans to create a nation wide cadet flight training program which would highlight a three - year aviation, education course for each cadet. Money for the program, which has the endorsement of the Air Force, would come from a Federal appropriation.

EDUCATIONAL AID

Together with graduate and postdoctoral students, a total of 390,000 young Americans received on the average of $1,000 cash for instruction in all fields of study at colleges and universities in the United States during 1954. While only $2,000 or one-fourth, of the undergraduates receiving aid were pursuing scientific studies, about one-half, or 18,000 graduate students and virtually all 1,300 post doctorate students receiving aid were preparing for careers in science.

FOOTBALL COACHES

University football coaches often are paid more than deans and presidents, according to a survey conducted by the National Education Association. The median salary of football coaches in state universities was found to be $11,005, which is higher than almost half the nation's college presidents.

MORTGAGE RECORD

The Federal National Mortgage Association bought a record $122,000,000 worth of Government backed home mortgages in the July-September quarter of this year. Of the total, almost $98,000,000 was in VA guaranteed mortgages, FNMA now owns 35,762 VA and FHA-backed mortgages valued at more than $360,000,000.

DIVIDENDS

A record flow of cash to the shareholders of the country so far this year has been reported by the New York Stock Exchange's monthly magazine. The exchange reports that nearly $6,000,000,000 has been paid out in the first nine months to holders of common stocks listed on the big board. This is 17.7 per cent more than in the same period last year.

Cigarette Manufacture

The number of cigarettes manufactured is likely to continue to rise in 1957. However, about the same amounts of flue-cured burley are likely to be used as this year, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. More cigarettes apparently are being made per pound of tobacco than formerly. An increased proportion of filter tips which use less tobacco per cigarette, and more complete use of tobacco leaves is probably responsible.

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Most automobile performance records are pretty difficult to relate to the kind of day-in, day-out driving most of us do. Running at safe and legal speeds, a '57 Chevrolet recently chalked up an important new coast-to-coast record on the road. And the way it set this record is even more important than the record itself!
A new '57 Chevrolet recently proved it has the qualities most people look for in a car—and proved it on the roads you travel. It set a new record of less than 57 hours for the run from New York to Los Angeles (certified by NASCAR). It was a strictly stock, V8-powered Chevy. It was driven by two young ladies.
When you consider that all the driving was done by 98-pound Betty Skelton and her friend Caroline Russ, the true significance of this record run becomes apparent. It's a tribute to Chevrolet's great-hearted V8 engine and solid road-worthiness that it could travel day and night for 2,913 miles at safe and legal speeds—and better the existing record for the trip by more than three hours. And when a pair of young ladies step into a car and drive it round the clock to a new transcontinental record, you *know* that car is easy to drive. Come try a Chevy.
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Post Office Department Offers Tips on Holiday Mailing

In anticipation of the largest holiday mail volume in the history of the Post Office Department, the nation's chief "mailman," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield today outlined ten basic pointers for users of the mails to follow in order to assure prompt and safe delivery of their Christmas cards and letters.

Address mail fully and clearly. Write legibly or print plainly. Use zones where applicable, use zone numbers in addressing the address and the return address. Avoid using abbreviations which might confuse mail handlers. Be certain that a return address is printed on the upper left corner of both Christmas cards and parcels. This will prevent undelivered mail ending up in "dead letter" office.

Do not enclose coins or hard objects of any kind in letters, without placing the envelope for hand cancelling. High speed cancelling machines cannot process such letters, jam and damage letters.

Do not mail cash in any Christmas gift. For safety's sake, use Money Orders or checks.

Make sure parcels are well wrapped and securely wrapped in strong and firmly placed on all sides. Use such as excelsion, shredded paper or tissue paper should be used to cushion the contents of the Christmas gift. This material should be wrapped in heavy paper and securely tied with strong cord.

6. Gifts of a delicate nature, such as glass, china, electrical appliances and radios and musical instruments must be marked "fragile" by the mailer. Food stuffs should be marked "Perishable" if subject to spoilage.

7. Insure parcels. Register letters of real value. Where only proof of delivery is required for letters of no intrinsic value use Certified Mail. Use Combination Mail where a letter or message - other than a gift tag - is to be enclosed inside a Christmas package.

8. Ask at any post office for the free pamphlet, "Post Office Department Publication No. 3," which contains rates of postage and limits of size and weight for domestic mail.

9. Mail Christmas cards and packages early to avoid the last minute rush and waiting in line at the post office. The best times to avoid the crowds at stamp windows in most post offices are before 10 A. M, and between 1:30 and 3:30 P. M.

10. Every postal employee is happy to answer questions on postal rules and regulations. Anyone with problems about mailing his Christmas parcels should avail himself of the opportunity of discussing the problems with postal employees.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 26.- We have surely had some old time cold weather. Guess there will be hogs squealing everywhere if it stays like this.

We had such a nice service on Thanksgiving day at the Stonewall Church. The four churches of our community had a joint service together. The ones who missed the servine surely missed a blessing. Rev. Colie Rock, pastor of Hebron Church, brought the wonderful message on Thanksgiving. Rev. Aaron Smith and Dr. Twyman Williams took part on the program.

Mrs. P. B. Stratton and Miss Edna Adcock spent Thanksgiving day in Lynchburg, with Mrs. Bessie Stratton and the LeGrand sisters.

Dr. Thomas Jennings and family, of Bedford and Mr. George Jennings and family, of South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Christian, of Covington, and Mr. and Mrs. Keeling Sisson and family, of Richmond spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Burrell and children, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson and other home folks.

Rev. Aaron Smith preached at Bethel and Trinity Churches Sunday morning. He was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turner had as their dinner guests last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johe and boys, of Amherst, and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brown and three children, of Gladstone.

Miss Phyllis Morris, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Stratton.

Let's all hope we won't have it so cold the night of Dec. 8, for our turkey supper at Stonewall Community Center as last night was.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyde Weidman and children, of Delaware, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Thornhill.

Mrs. Bettie Wheeler and small son, Brad, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

We are all so sorry to hear about Mr. Kern Mays' accident. We hope he will soon be real well and back at church, as he and his good wife are always there and they are missed by their many friends and loved ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and children spent the week-end with his parents at Natural Bridge.

Mrs. A. A. Babcock, of Appomattox visited her mother, Mrs. S. L. Scruggs and her sister, Mrs. W. R. Stratton over the week-end.

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Background Scripture: John 14.
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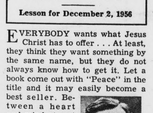
Heart at Peace

Lesson for December 2, 1956

EVERYBODY wants what Jesus Christ has to offer . . . At least, they think they want something by the same name, but they do not always know how to get it. Let a book come out with "Peace" in the title and it may easily become a best seller. Between a heart and mind at rest and a heart torn in two, restless, dissatisfied, in perpetual turmoil.—who would not choose the heart at peace? But the word Jesus used when he said to those anxious friends, "Let not your heart be troubled," —at least the word the Greek writer used in reporting Jesus—was much the same as a word the Stoics used, only what Jesus meant was something quite different.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No Arctic Calm

The Stoics had a word "ataxia" and in it they thought they had the key to happiness.—Or if not that, at least the key that would lock the door against unhappiness. What they meant by it was indifference, just not caring. Of course there is truth in that notion. It is only the sympathetic who can be bothered with other people's troubles. One way to insure yourself against sorrow in this world is simply never to allow yourself to love any one. One way not to worry about tomorrow is not to care what happens or whether anything happens. But this is not the kind of peace of heart which Jesus himself had, or wants his friends to have. The Arctic Ocean is perfectly calm; it is locked in everlasting ice. But the icy heart is not the Christian heart. A swamp is peaceful too; no waves break on its shores. And a human heart can be a swamp as well as an icy lake. But this again is not the heart at peace of which Christ spoke.

Does Faith Bring Peace?

So the heart at peace is not the cold, indifferent heart; it is not the sluggish dull self-centered heart. It is the peace of the flowing river, the peace of the great electric generator which though motionless itself, sends out power to city and countryside. But how to have this? Let not your heart be troubled, Jesus said: Believe . . . We hear a great deal about the power of faith. The pathway of faith is the pathway to peace. Yes; but does faith bring peace? It is easy to misunderstand this. Faith can bring a false and fatal peace, not the real thing. A hunter in the north woods can put faith in his compass, and not worry about being lost. But if his compass is wrong he may lose his life. A patient can trust a surgeon; but if the surgeon is incompetent, the patient's trust is fatal. Jesus himself used the expression, "Your faith has saved you." But faith will not save you if it is faith in the wrong thing or the wrong person. Somewhere in the United States there stood a fine bridge for many years, —at least it was perfectly built, out from one side of the river; but the other side had never been built. Faith that does not rest on something or some one worth believing in, is like that bridge; it's worse than no bridge at all, because in the dusk it may tempt people out to their deaths.

"Not What, But Whom"

"Believe," said Jesus. But there are some important words after that. Just believing is not enough. Moreover, believing something is still not what Jesus meant. Some people think that the way to a peaceful heart is to believe a catechism, a set of doctrines. That is not the main thing. "Believe in God," is the word. He who created all things, he in whom all things exist, holds me in his hand too. The Infinite God has room in his heart for me. Turning to him in faith is the highway to peace.—But why does Jesus say, "Believe also in me"? Is not belief in God enough? Or the other way around: Is it not enough to believe in Christ? The Christian experience of faith never can separate Christ and the heavenly Father. The best way to express it would be to say we believe in God in Christ. To believe in God as if Christ had never lived, is to believe in the dark and terrible Mystery, the awesome Avenger, whom the Gentiles feared. To believe in Christ as if God could be ignored, is to believe in Man, man at his best but still man. The way to peace is the way of faith in the God whose glory we see in the human face of Jesus of Nazareth.

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Christian Memorial Fund Proposals are Adopted

The following proposals by the Board of Directors were unanimously adopted during a mass meeting of contributors Wednesday evening, November 7:

First: That the Christian Memorial Funds be used for the college education of the children of the late David A. Christian, III.

Second: Should the Christian Memorial Fund for some reason not be used for the education of the children of David A. Christian, III, then it is recommended that the fund be made available as a loan fund to medical, dental, or nursing students who are citizens of Appomattox County or adjoining counties.

Third: That the funds now on hand or that are later contributed be invested at the direction of the Board of Trustees in order that the funds might produce an income until such time that they are used as set forth in the first and second recommendation.

Dr. C. G. O'Brien, chairman of the Board of Directors, points out that an expression of the wishes of donors was necessary because of inadequacy of the funds collected for the original objective. Any donor, not concurring in the proposals of the Board of Directors as approved should call at the office of Dr. O'Brien or W. C. Dudley, treasurer, before December 1.

COMING EVENTS

Several dates of interest to farmers have been announced by the VPI Agricultral Extension Service.

On the agenda in Virginia during the next few months are: a short course for dairy herd improvement association supervisors, December 3-16, at VPI; the state 4-H tractor clinic, January 3-5, at VPI; winter swine sales, February 6, at Suffolk, February 8 at Winchester, and February 12 at Tappahannock; the annual meeting of the Virginia Beekeepers Association, February 14 and 15 at Winchester; and the annual pasture school for livestock men and dairymen, Fegruary 26 and 27 at the Middleburg branch of the VPI Experiment Station.

The Mideast crisis puts spotlight on steel shortage.

FINDS FAMILY CASH

Marshfield, Wis.- A little girl, sent outside to rake leaves, soon returned and handed her older sister a stack of currency she had picked up in the yard. The find was reported to police. A bit later, the child's mother called police and said it was her own money. In her absence the older daughter had washed some draperies and hung them on the line to dry. The money, about $120, sewed into the hem of the drapes, dislodged, and was blown about the yard.

NOT TOO FUNNY

San Francisco.- Sammy Garcia, 7, found a pair of handcuffs on his way home from school said, boylike, he snapped one end around his waist. Along came Ronald Davies, 12, who snapped the other end around a garage-door handle. Sammy's yells for help brought his mother, Mrs. Frances Garcia, who took one look and called police. They unlocked Sammy and the garage door, checked the serial number of the handcuffs and found that an officer had lost them on patrol.

U. S. Steel votes usual dividend, plans no price rise.

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